

**Senate Bill No. 799**

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Passed the Senate      August 21, 2003

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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Passed the Assembly      July 29, 2003

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2003, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to amend Section 36102 of, and to add Section 36013 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 799, Denham. Vehicles: registration: exemption: retriever units.

Existing law exempts an automatic bale wagon, as defined, from registration, if the vehicle displays certain identification plates and is transporting baled hay or straw for a distance of not more than 5 continuous road miles on a highway from one parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by a farmer to another parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by that farmer.

This bill would exempt a retriever unit, as defined, from registration, if the vehicle displays the specified identification plates and is transporting stacked hay or returning from the delivery of stacked hay for a distance of not more than 10 continuous road miles on a highway from one parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by a farmer to another parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by that farmer.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 36013 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

36013. A “retriever unit” is a two-axle motortruck that is equipped with a self-loading bed designed and used exclusively to transport six tons or less of hay in stacks for short distances from the field to a storage area.

SEC. 2. Section 36102 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

36102. The following vehicles are exempt from registration if they have and display identification plates, as specified in Section 5014. These vehicles, except when operated pursuant to subdivision (k) of Section 36005, may not be deemed to be implements of husbandry and shall be subject to all equipment and device requirements as if registered:

(a) An automatic bale wagon operated unladen on a highway.



(b) An automatic bale wagon, when transporting baled hay or straw for a distance of not more than five continuous road miles on a highway from one parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by a farmer to another parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by that farmer.

(c) A retriever unit, when transporting stacked hay or returning from the delivery of stacked hay for a distance of not more than ten continuous road miles on a highway from one parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by a farmer to another parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by that farmer.

(d) A motor vehicle that is designed for hauling, and is used exclusively to haul, feed for livestock, and is owned and operated exclusively by a farmer or an employee of a farmer. A vehicle exempted by this subdivision may be operated only on those highways that are maintained by local authorities, only pursuant to a permit issued as provided in Section 35780 by the local authority having jurisdiction over the highways used, and only for a distance of not more than five continuous road miles from one parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by the farmer to another parcel of property owned, leased, or controlled by the farmer. This subdivision does not apply to transportation for compensation.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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*Governor*

